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To assure minimal airborne asbestos fibers during construction and renovation at Port Authority Facilities, the Risk Management Division (RMD) recommends that when there is a possibility of disturbing existing sprayed-on asbestos fireproofing or other suspect fibrous material, the techniques specified in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Guideline Series EPA-450/2 - 78-014 titled, "Sprayed Asbestos-Containing Materials In Buildings" be followed.

This publication includes model contract specifications for asbestos handling during removal or renovation, as well as a summary of the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations pertaining to asbestos. On request, RMD will lend a copy of this manual to interested Port Authority staff members.

RMD also will analyze sprayed-on structural steel fireproofing and other materials for asbestos content, and assist you in developing a plan to assure that during the construction or demolition period the airborne asbestos fiber level does not exceed OSHA regulations.

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